



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

## MISSION & VISION

To provide food, referral information and financial assistance to individuals and families in need within our service area.

# Leigh Zydonik / Executive Director

It is hard to believe I started my role as the Executive Director just a year ago. We have implemented several new programs while restructuring the organization – and all during some rather challenging times. With support from our amazing staff and volunteers, direction from our board and committed donors, we are in a great position for 2022. In 2021 we developed a five-year strategic plan based on data that confirmed what other food banks across the state and nation were seeing; that we need to take our support to the people. We answered that need by piloting several programs including:

- pop-up pantries
- micro-pantries in libraries, schools
- partnering with like-minded organizations who can reach those in need with existing supply chains
- Senior Markets, utilizing a Valley of the Sun United Way program that provided individual frozen meals that we supplement with fresh produce

As we look forward to 2022, we will continue the mission and expand our outreach, along with expanding resources. As community events return, we will have an increased presence with our new Ambassador Program. Details on all these programs can be found on our website. 2022 has much in store as we continue our mission – all with your support.



Thank you & Happy New Year.

## Chuck Laurenti / Board President

This year has flown by, and great things have been happening at the Food Bank. I am proud that we are implementing our five-year strategy to reach more neighbors in our community and that our new programs are being so well received. None of this would be possible, however, without the generous support of our donors and the selfless giving of our volunteers. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Foothills Food Bank we owe you our deepest gratitude and thanks.

This year we served 2,764 neighbors with more than one million pounds of food and nearly ninety thousand dollars of financial support. We partnered with several new community groups to reach additional clients and set up new mobile pantries where we traveled to meet neighbor's needs, sharing food, resources, and hope, instead of having them to come to us. This reflects our strategy to reach deeper into our community and deliver help to more families.

Thank you, again, for your awesome generosity. With your support, we look forward to continuing our mission in 2022.

### FIGHTING HUNGER, GIVING HOPE



**1,626,133** LBS

*of food was donated for neighbors in need*



**13,207** VISITS

*Food & related resources were provided to neighbors*

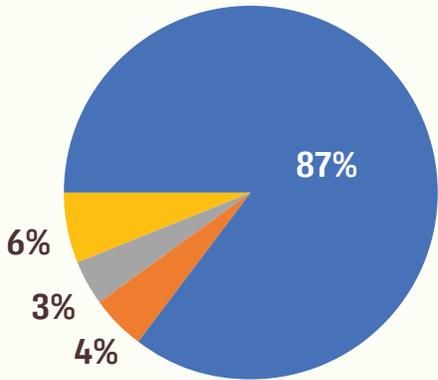


**661** NEW CLIENTS

*were welcomed to our services*

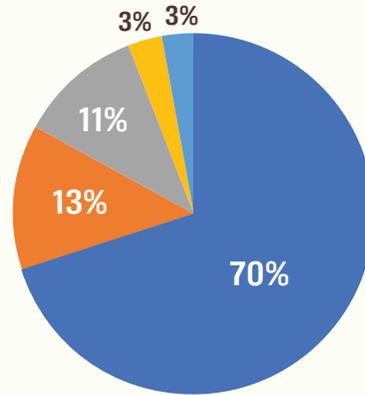
# A Year in Review

## Where Donated Food Comes From



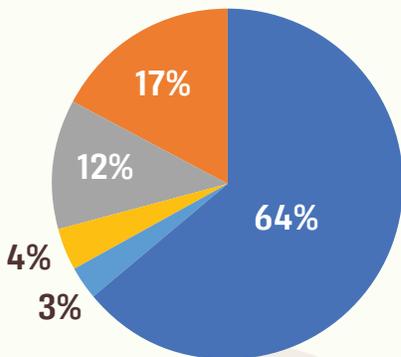
- Grocery Rescue Program
- Individual Donations
- Organization Donations
- Food Drives

## Where Our Food Goes



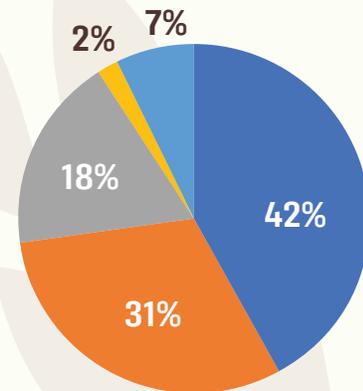
- On-Site Pantry Clients
- Partner Agencies
- Animals
- Waste
- Other Programs

## Funding Sources



- Individuals
- Grant/Foundation/Estate Gifts
- Fundraisers
- Church & Civic Organizations
- Business

## Financial Assistance Breakdown



- Housing
- Utilities
- Transportation
- Other
- Medical

## NEW PROGRAMS

15

POP-UP PANTRIES

4

MICRO-PANTRIES

16

SENIOR MARKET DAYS

19

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



1,185

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

program participants were provided food, smiles, & gifts



834

HOLIDAY MEALS

provided to families



181,135 LBS

of food provided for pets & barnyard animals

269 VOLUNTEERS DONATED

30,180 HOURS

of their time valued at \$861,337 (\$28.54/hr)

## Board of Directors - 2021

**Chuck Laurenti**

*President*

**Glenn Ford**

*Treasurer*

**Lory Olsson**

*Vice President*

**Terry Dowd**

*Secretary*

**Darrilyn Adams**

**Elaine Adrain**

**Myong Covert**

**Jill Hieb**

**Joe McCabe**

**Jill Muth**

**Chuck Weirauch**

## Leadership Team

**Leigh Zydonik**

*Executive Director*

**Michelle Reyes**

*Operations Manager / Donor Relations*

**Jamie Pear**

*Volunteer & Special Projects Coordinator*

**Lynn Ballou**

*Data Analyst*

**Tom Kilwein**

*Driver & Food Drive Coordinator*

**Lou Argyros**

*Facilities Supervisor*

**Robin Kilbane**

*Client & Resource Manager*

**Kim Basile**

*Black Canyon City Manager*

**Nancy Wiederhold**

*Black Canyon City Administrative Assistant*

**Jacob Hernandez**

*Driver / Warehouse Associate*

## 🌿 New in 2021 🌿



Senior Market Day was new in 2021, making Monday a little sweeter for our 55 plus neighbors. Senior market shoppers enjoyed a wide variety of fresh fruit, produce, protein and fresh bakery items. Every senior was also provided six prepared frozen heat and eat meals, thanks to a partnership with the Valley of the Sun United Way.



In an effort to overcome the food bank stigma while meeting neighbors closer to home, four micro-pantries debuted in 2021. These sites also supported our weekend food programs for students and their families. This micro-pantry is housed in a library in Black Canyon City.



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